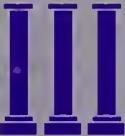


Northwestern State University of Louisiana

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A summer view of the
Northwestern Hills
golf course



Dr. Randall J. Webb, President Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

As I write this, we are in the process of completing a successful 2000-2001 academic year at Northwestern.

This year, we saw our student enrollment set a record and had the largest spring commencement in seven years. In fact, the audiences for our commencement has grown so large that we have had to hold two ceremonies to accommodate all the family and friends who want to attend.

One of our distinguished alumni, State Rep. Jane Smith, addressed our spring graduates and she had a message I wanted to share with you.

Rep. Smith told the graduates how throughout her career as a teacher, principal, school superintendent and state legislator, she has been helped by a number of Northwestern graduates. She encouraged our graduates to seek out other alumni who share the special bond we all have.

I hope each of you will seek out others who attended Northwestern and will take time to get to know them and assist them when you can. I believe this university has produced some outstanding, caring people who are working to make a difference in their communities. And when people with the common tie of NSU work together, good things will happen.

The upcoming year at NSU will bring a number of challenges for your university. We will begin implementation of admissions standards for the first time. These standards will help us in the long run but we will have to see what the short-term ramifications are.

There are also other issues pending that have not been resolved as of the time I am writing this letter. Whatever happens with these issues, we will remain committed to keeping Northwestern a vibrant, student-oriented institution. We believe NSU has a great deal to offer discerning students who want to receive a well-rounded education which will prepare them for the future.

No other institution, in my view, has such an excellent faculty who are both outstanding scholars and dedicated teachers. In addition, our staff works extremely hard to provide the best possible support and services for our students.

I wish each of you a good summer and hope you will continue to support Northwestern.

Chris Maggio, Director Alumni Affairs



Fellow Northwestern Graduates and Friends:

The 2000-2001 academic year has drawn to a close and in my opinion your alma mater had yet another successful year. One important link to Northwestern's success is alumni involvement. Your participation, input and assistance in alumni related activities have helped our adored university thrive.

Your NSU Alumni Association continued to stay active this spring. We hosted alumni gatherings in several places including Shreveport, Dallas, Ruston, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Houston, Leesville, San Antonio, and Covington. We again co-hosted, with the Office of Admissions, alumni/recruiting receptions during which Northwestern alumni opened their homes to fellow alumni, prospective students and parents.

Other spring alumni events include the Basketball Homecoming Reunion in which over 120 former players come back to campus to spend time with former athletes, the 50+ luncheon, and the 1991 class reunion of the Louisiana Scholars' College. The Class of 1951 gathered in early May for the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Northwestern. Sixty-one class members plus many more spouses, guests and family members spent a memorable weekend on the campus that several had not seen since their graduation. Their pride in Northwestern and camaraderie with each other were apparent to all.

I also want to inform you that the Alumni Association has signed an agreement with MBNA America to provide the Northwestern State University Alumni Association credit card. Please note that this is the official credit card of the Alumni Association and that MBNA makes a contribution for every new account that is opened and when each account is renewed. They'll also make an additional contribution every time the card is used to make a purchase. We hope you consider utilizing the card and please note this change in our credit card issuers.

I hope you all have a great summer and please stay in contact.

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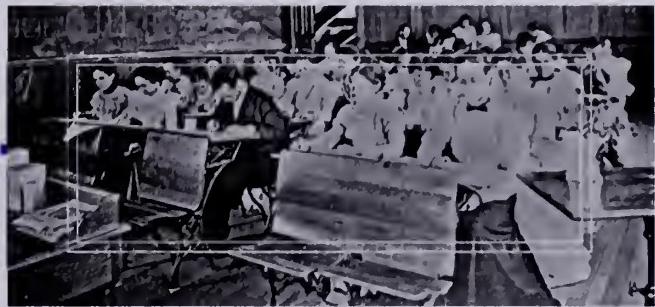
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About the cover: The first annual Buddy Bonnette Memorial Day Golf Scramble was held May 28 at the Northwestern Hills Golf Course in Natchitoches. The proceeds benefited the Coach Buddy Bonnette Scholarship Fund, and the men's and women's basketball teams at NSU.

The tournament was held in honor of Dr. Buddy Bonnette, a former teacher of three and a half decades in the Health and Physical Education department at NSU. Bonnette is held in high regard by his peers and former students.

Northwestern State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award Associate, Bachelorate, Master's, Specialist and Doctorate degrees.

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Report shows NSU education students still making the grade

The preparation of qualified teachers has always been at the core of Northwestern State University's mission. A recent report shows that the university is doing an outstanding job.

"We are really proud of our score, and at this point NSU should be proud of the quality of teachers that are graduating from the program."

—John Tollett, Dean
College of Education

This spring, the Louisiana Board of Regents released its 2000-2001 Institutional Reports for the preparation of teachers. This report outlined the current performance of teacher education programs at Louisiana's public and private college and universities. The test measures prospective teachers' knowledge and professional skills. Students who want to become certified in Louisiana schools must pass the exam known as Praxis. Education majors at Northwestern scored above the state average in all four major categories. Ninety-one percent of those taking the exam passed. NSU had a 100 percent pass rate in basic skills, 96 percent in professional knowledge and 92 percent in academic content areas.

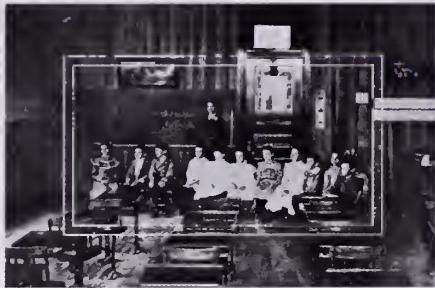
"We are really proud of our score, and at this point NSU should be proud of the quality of teachers that are graduating from the program," said Dean of the College of Education John Tollett. "We are now using the report as a guideline to make changes in the curriculum."

The first changes will be the requirement of students to pass the exam before beginning methods and student teaching. If the student has trouble passing the exam and wants to transfer into another curriculum, they can do so before investing a large amount of time in these things. Passing the exam has not been a requirement to graduate.

Normal's cadet (lab) school circa 1901



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NSU furnishes 45 percent of all certified teachers in its service area and 7.74 percent of all certified teachers in the state. It has the lowest departure rate, 8 percent, of teachers leaving the profession after one year.

Northwestern faculty members are active beyond the traditional classroom setting. They are responsible for obtaining \$1,550,000 in grant money since 1996. They provide assistance with consulting and identifying staff development needs with 11 pre-kindergarten through 12th grade school districts.

NSU produces 60 percent of the state's electronic distance learning courses, making a state-wide impact on pre-service and in-service teachers.

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orthwestern education graduates are recruited in all areas of the state. School systems from across Louisiana and from throughout the country send representatives to the annual Teacher Job Fair each spring. "We attend the job fair every year, which is well organized," said Genevieve Gordon, personnel director of the Sabine Parish School Board. "A lot of our locals attend Northwestern and want to come back home to work. They have a great education program and do a good job in training."

Students are satisfied that they have received a high quality education and are confident that they are prepared to go into the classroom when they graduate.

"I'm in art education. The program gave me direction and made me stay on track. Since the instructors have more of a one-on-one relationship with you, it is a better experience," said Chris Brown, of McCook, Neb.

"I wouldn't go anywhere else," said Lindie Stephens, of Jena, who had a position lined up at Goodpine Middle School before she graduated. "I started working right away and I know what I am doing." III



Educational artifacts circa 1901

Faculty member awarded Fulbright lectureship



Julie Kane regularly encourages her students to seek opportunities to excel. Kane, an assistant professor of English at Northwestern, has taken advantage of an opportunity, receiving a Fulbright Lectureship in Linguistics/Creative Writing. She will spend the Spring 2002 semester in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Kane has been a member of Northwestern's faculty for two years, teaching courses in rhetoric and composition, world literature, creative writing, literature and film of the Vietnam War and modern American poetry. She was the George Bennett Fellow in Writing at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., the Visiting Writer in Residence at Tulane University and also taught at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

"I am absolutely thrilled," said Kane. "It will be a great adventure and a wonderful opportunity to meet writers from a different culture who have gone through so much. The people of Lithuania have gone from communism to being a free country in a decade. They have experienced a tremendous amount of change."

Kane received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University, a master's from Boston University and a doctorate at LSU. Her doctoral dissertation received the Lewis P. Simpson Award for the most outstanding Ph.D. dissertation written in the LSU English Department.

"When I heard that a particular professor was a Fulbright Scholar, it was something that carried a lot of resonance," said Kane. "I still find it hard to believe that I am in that company."

"I think this is a good example for our students. They should know that if they make their best efforts, they are capable of competing for and winning awards."

The experience of teaching in Lithuania is something Kane plans to share with NSU students once she returns.



Kane is the co-author of "Counterpart: A South Vietnamese Naval Officer's War," along with Kiem Do.

The book is a literary nonfiction memoir of the Vietnam War from a Vietnamese perspective. She has also written three collections of poetry "The Bartender Poems," "Body and Soul" and "Two Into One." Two other manuscripts by Kane have been completed.

"In sharing my post-Lithuanian experiences with my students, I would hope to enlarge their imaginations and curiosity about the world beyond our region of the United States," said Kane. "I want to reinforce the idea that higher education is the key to that world."

Kane has had contact with Lithuanian writers for more than a decade. Lithuanian poet Tautvyda Marcinkeviute trans-

lated five of Kane's poems in 1989 and arranged for their publication in a journal. Kane also arranged for Lithuanian writers to give readings in New Orleans and appeared in a short documentary film by a Lithuanian producer reading some of her works.

"Most of those activities took place while Lithuania was still under Soviet rule, when there was a tremendous sense of urgency to our personal efforts to communicate between our cultures and our writing communities," said Kane. "Now that Lithuania has regained her independence and there is time to study each other's culture at leisure and in greater depth, this appointment would represent a broadening, deepening and maturing of the personal commitment I made over 10 years ago to further communication between our two countries."

Kane hopes the additional contacts she will make in Lithuania will lead to cultural exchanges between the Natchitoches area and Lithuania.

"This community is unique for its blend of cultures," said Kane. "Because we honor the uniqueness of many cultures and ethnic traditions without seeking to dominate or assimilate them into one American monoculture, I believe the Natchitoches area would be receptive to an exchange of cultural activities with Lithuania."

The Fulbright Scholar Program sends approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals to 140 countries to lecture, do research, or participate in seminars. And an equal number of foreign faculty come to the U.S. under the program. III



Webb reflects on five years of progress

"I look forward to the challenges we face each day and I enjoy the people of Northwestern."

It has been almost five years since NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb began what he has called his "dream job." And in that five years, Webb has steadily pushed the university forward.

"I felt my role from the beginning was to set a vision for the university then let our people use their ability and ingenuity to make it happen," said Webb.

As president, Webb's first priority has been promoting academic excellence. Since 1996, the percentage of nationally accredited academic programs has increased from 68 percent to 94 percent. The remaining eligible programs are expected to gain accreditation later this year.

"Accreditation of academic programs is something we have talked about a great deal with students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university," said Webb. "To gain accreditation, it was necessary to critically evaluate each academic program. We then worked to meet the highest standards set by the various accrediting groups. Gaining accreditation means that our programs are on par with the best programs in the country."

Webb has worked with the university community to make Northwestern a responsive institution that listens to the people it serves.

"We want to listen to our students, business and industry, public schools and hospitals," said Webb. "Listening to students can help us retain and attract more and better students. Working with business and industry and other groups can help us develop relationships that can provide more opportunities for students."

Webb has implemented NSU's first enrollment management plan. Last fall, the university had the largest enrollment in the institution's 117-year history as 9,292 students signed up for classes.

"All of us were extremely pleased with the record enrollment we had last fall. As we have increased our enrollment, we have also attracted better students," said Webb. "The average ACT scores of students has gone up. We are also attracting more high school valedictorians and

salutatorians who are likely to graduate and help us bring in more outstanding students."

Webb has made a special effort to be available and accessible to Northwestern's students, attending athletic and social events and setting time aside to meet with students.

"We want our students to feel at home and feel they are important here," said Webb. "All of our efforts are done with students ultimately in mind."

During Webb's tenure, funding from federal, state and private grants has increased by 73 percent with more than \$11 million in active grants being utilized. Contributions to the NSU Foundation for scholarships, endowed professorships and other programs have more than doubled.

The university is also planning the first major fund raising campaign in its history.

"We are anxious to begin implementing this campaign. I am confident that all those who love Northwestern will be interested in assisting us in this endeavor," said Webb. "Once we complete this campaign, we will be able to provide additional support for our faculty and increased opportunities for our students."

Northwestern has also taken a leadership role in the delivery of electronic classes. In the spring NSU had more than 90 classes available via the Internet, compressed video and desktop video. Northwestern provides 60 percent of the electronic classes offered by Louisiana institutions.

"We have to be mindful of what the future of higher education is and electronic classes will be a part of that," said Webb. "We have a number of outstanding faculty who

have grasped this method of delivery and have made it work. Our staff has also been successful in getting the word out to people and making sure the classes run successfully."

Webb admits he has many of the same feelings about coming to work as he did when he began his work as president.

"I look forward to the challenges we face each day and I enjoy the people of Northwestern," said Webb. "I believe our best days are in front of us and I will continue to work to make everyone associated with the university proud."

III





Dr. Richard DeVault was presented the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award by NSU President Randall J. Webb during NSU's 14th annual Research Day.

Math faculty member Richard DeVault wins Bailey Award

Northwestern State faculty member Dr. Richard DeVault is taking a different approach in an area of mathematics. Working in the area of difference equations, DeVault is trying to better understand the behavior of solutions of these equations.

DeVault, an assistant professor of mathematics at Northwestern, has been named as the recipient of the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award. The award was presented as part of NSU's 14th annual Research Day.

The research by DeVault has been nationally recognized in professional journals and at academic conferences. DeVault was chosen on the basis of scholarly significance of his research; national, regional or local impact; originality and ingenuity of project design and critical recognition by experts in the field.

"I am very honored," said DeVault. "It's nice to get this."

His research has been published in numerous journals including the *Journal of Difference Equations and Application*, and the *Journal of Nonlinear Analysis, Theory, Methods and Applications*.

DeVault is the chair of the Mathematics Section of the Louisiana Academy of Science and a member of the American Mathematical Society, Mathematical Association of America, and the Louisiana Academy of Sciences.

The Bailey Award is given annually to a Northwestern faculty member for outstanding research and/or distinguished artistic performance or creative work substantially completed during the past three years. III

Hall, Williams named professor emeritus

Northwestern State University bestowed the title of professor emeritus on two former faculty members, Dr. Hurst Hall and Dr. Kenneth Williams during Spring Commencement exercises.

"The title of professor emeritus is one we do not confer often, and both of these men richly deserve the honor," said Northwestern Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Thomas A. Burns. "Each are outstanding teachers and nationally and internationally recognized scholars who have brought prestige to this university over a number of years."

Hurst Hall was a member of Northwestern's faculty members for 30 years, then returned to teach in 1989 for 11 more years after he retired.

He earned his doctorate at the University of Alabama and served as an associate professor, professor and division chairman of educational psychology. Hall also served as head of the Departments of Educational Psychology and Student Services, Special Education and Human Services.

Kenneth Williams was a member of Northwestern's faculty for 34 years as an assistant professor, associate professor and professor. He earned his doctorate at Louisiana State University.

A recognized authority on the herpetology of the Honduran Cloud Forest, Williams authored or co-authored 147 professional publications while on Northwestern's faculty.

His peers have recognized him as both a scholar and teacher, receiving both a Distinguished Faculty Award from NSU as well as the Alumni Association's Excellence in Teaching Award.



President Webb bestowed the title of professor emeritus on Dr. Hurst Hall during Spring Commencement exercises.



President Webb bestowed the title of professor emeritus on Dr. Kenneth Williams during Spring Commencement exercises.

Orienteation

leaders reunion to be held during Homecoming

Former "Insiders and Freshman Connectors should make plans to attend the first reunion of the nearly 200 freshman orientation counselors who served Northwestern from the years 1979-2001.

The gathering, scheduled during Homecoming 2001 on Oct. 20 will honor the hard work and support of the orientation leaders as well as the professional staffs who worked with the programs, according to Reatha Cox, who serves as Northwestern's Director of New Student Programs.

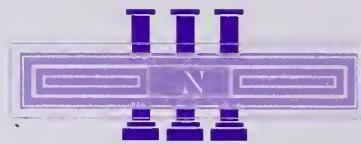
Cox, who herself was an "Insider" in 1985-1986, anticipates a large turnout for the event.

"These alumni were the 'movers and shakers' of the campus over the past 20 years," she said. "Many have requested such an event, and I think that once the announcement is made they will be eager to return to Northwestern."

The freshman orientation program at Northwestern was established in 1979 by then Vice-President for Academic Affairs Dr. Tom Paul Southerland. Its purpose was to provide an opportunity for first-time freshman to visit the campus to get an "inside view" of college life, while having the opportunity to register for classes, and handle other various needs. Over the years the program grew, involved several university staff members, and had a name change.

"In essence, the program continues to provide freshmen the chance to make a positive connection to the campus," Cox said. "Once students return for the fall term they feel more comfortable with their surrounding and are eager to stay...that secure feeling is nurtured by these counselors they work with during their orientation experience."

Letters will be sent to all former counselors during the summer. Additionally, those counselors who cannot be located will be identified in the letter. Should any counselor recognize these "lost" counselors, please contact Cox at (318) 357-5559 or at coxr@nsula.edu.



NSU Foundation News

Charles Knicely was recently elected to the NSU Foundation Board of Directors. Knicely, President of Knicely & Associates, has been in the building business for over 35 years and has had his own building company for over 20 years. He builds primarily in southeast Shreveport including the Southern Trace Country Club Subdivision and the Ellerbe Road area.

Knicely, who was born in Baton Rouge and raised in Jonesville, graduated from NSU in 1971 with a degree in business administration. He married the former Linda Johnston, a 1975 NSU grad. The Knicelys have two sons, Jeremy, 24, and Josh, 21.

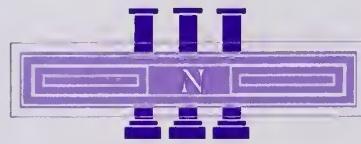
At NSU, Knicely was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and was a recipient of the T.H. Williams National Scholarship. He was also a member of Circle K, on the yearbook staff and was the Men's Representative as a freshman class officer.

His professional memberships include the Shreveport/Bossier Home Builder's Association, the National Homebuilders Association and the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

Knicely is a past board member of the Southfield School. Is a past executive board member of Loyola College Prep, and a former board member of the Shreveport Gun Club and the Shreveport/Bossier NSU Alumni Association. He is a member of the NSU Select 1000, the Kappa Sigma Alumni Association and the Loyola ground crew.

He and Linda enjoy scuba diving, snow skiing, travel and NSU football games. They have hosted student recruiting receptions at their home for Northwestern and is an active member of the NSU Foundation.

Knicely's three-year term on the Foundation Board will expire Dec. 31, 2003. III





Endowed scholarship will honor Mr. Christmas

Northwestern will remember one of the most beloved members of the university

staff and community by honoring Eugene "Doc" Christmas through an endowed scholarship for student athletic trainers.

Christmas was the athletic trainer for NSU for 25 years. He was also a respected physical therapist.

He came to Northwestern as a freshman student athletic trainer in 1951. He graduated in 1955 with his bachelor's degree and again in 1956 with his master's degree. He continued by attending physical therapy school in New Orleans, where he graduated in 1957.

Christmas was a charter member of the Louisiana Athletic Trainer's Association, a member of the association's Hall of Fame and remained active until his retirement. He worked as a physical therapist at the local hospital and for the local school board.

He was named Natchitoches Parish "Man of the Year" in 1976 and was elected to the Northwestern Graduate N Club Hall of Fame in 1981. In 1991 he was named "Mr. Louisiana Basketball" by the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches.

The Eugene Christmas Scholarship is awarded to student athletic trainers who have a set work schedule and a 2.0 overall GPA.

"Mr. Christmas was one of those rare human beings that you remember many things about, but never anything bad," said Ed Evans, NSU's Head Athletic Trainer. "While here, he helped many community people. The scholarship gives us the opportunity to reward young men and women with something more than a thank you. It typifies Mr. Christmas who made a tremendous impact on the community and school."

For more information on contributing to the Eugene Christmas Scholarship, please contact Mr. Tony Gustwick, Director of Institutional Advancement at (888) 799-6486 or (318) 357-4414 or gustwickt@nsula.edu.

MBNA to provide Alumni Association credit card program

MBNA America Bank, N.A. has been selected as the new credit card provider for Northwestern State University Alumni Association's credit card program.

The program offers no-fee, low interest MasterCard credit cards to Northwestern supporters, and royalties from the program are returned to NSU through the Association.

MBNA and the Association will offer several card options, including a *Platinum Plus* Mastercard with credit lines up to \$100,000, low introductory annual percentage rates for cash advance checks and balance transfers, \$1 million in common carrier travel accident insurance, and inclusion in MBNA's *Platinum Plus* registry, emergency cash, and replacement airline tickets. A preferred Mastercard will also be available.

Current Northwestern Alumni cardholders will receive more information on how to obtain their new cards in the near future. **Only MBNA-issued cards will return royalties to Northwestern through the Alumni Association.** Alumni and friends who do not currently have a card but wish to obtain more information on how to get one can look for an upcoming ad in the fall issue of this magazine.

"Working with MBNA gives our former students and friends the chance to help the Alumni Association while obtaining a credit card with an institution known for its quality service," said Director of Alumni Affairs Chris Maggio.



Join the Demons in Hawaii

NSU Alumni will have the opportunity to cheer for their favorite basketball team while basking in the sun at one of the most exotic locations in the U.S. The Alumni Association will be organizing a travel program to Hawaii to attend the game between the Demons and the University of Hawaii in Honolulu.

The package will include airfare, hotel accommodations, transportation to and from the airport and the game, as well as exclusive access and interaction with the Demons at meals, practice, and team functions. There will also be plenty of time for site seeing. Tentatively, the departure is on Sunday, Nov. 25, and the return date is Wednesday, Nov. 28. The game is on Tues., Nov. 27.

Anyone interested should contact Director of Alumni Affairs Chris Maggio at (888) 799-6486 or (318) 357-4414 or e-mail at maggio@nsula.edu.

ALUMNI EVENTS



Julie and Ricky Walsmley, ('89 and '85), opened their home to host the Covington Alumni Reception.



Sheila Sampite Hardin ('91) and Alan Hardin ('90) cheer for the Demon basketball team with President Webb at the NCAA Tournament in Dayton, Ohio.



Alumni and Friends gathered together in New Orleans at a reception hosted by the Josette and Quin Sirmon and Tony and Josette Bonfanti. Shown from left to right are Chris Maggio, St. Charles Parish President Albert Laque, Josette Bonfanti Sirmon and Hanisee Sirmon, Quin Sirmon ('94), Josette Bonfanti, Tony Bonfanti, Edward Dufresne, Chief Judge, 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, Lola Doucet and Ned Doucet, Chief Judge, 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals ('65).



Mrs. Melba Steeg, ('44), and her husband Moise enjoy the New Orleans Alumni Reception in the Horizons Room at the New Orleans Hilton.

Two Northwestern State Alumnae, Patty Wiggins Blaize ('73) and Becky Boykin Williamson ('95), have found a special friendship as the only two NSU graduates at Landry Middle School in Mandeville. Their professional ties to each other and to Northwestern are an important part of their lives, according to Blaize.



NSU alumni and faculty enjoyed visiting at a reception hosted by the Koury family. Shown from left are Matt Koury ('95), Dr. Thomas Hall, Dr. Austin Temple, Gene Koury ('63 & '70) and Martha Koury.



Alumni and Northwestern Officials of the Greater Dallas area got a surprise when alumni Scott Jenkins, local news anchor, paid a visit in his station's helicopter. Shown from left are Athletic Director Greg Burke, Walter Heatherwick, Chris Maggio, Jenkins, ('89), host Terry Guin ('78), hostess Kathy Guin, ('77), and Richard Karamatic ('75).



Baton Rouge area alumni enjoy a reception at Mike Anderson's Seafood Restaurant. Shown from left are Amy Post Walker ('99), Kim Parker, Scott Murphy ('93) and Ellen Dunn.



1925

Marie Toups retired as a school principal in 1996 and continued serving as principal until 1973. She now lives in Lockport.

1935

Audra Evans Allen is a retired teacher who lives in Haynesville. While at Normal, she was active in the WCA.

Gladys Longino Jones is a retired teacher from New Orleans. She now lives in Baton Rouge. At Normal, Mrs. Jones was involved with the YWCA, Purple Jackets, the Seeking after Knowledge Society and the Current Sauce.

1938

Wm. W. (Willie) Westbrook has retired from Westbrook Associates, Inc., a marketing, advertising and public relations firm. Mr. Westbrook was vice-president of the freshman class in 1934-35 at Normal. He lives with his wife, Salome, in Metairie. They have three sons.

1940

Ellen Bridewell Elliot is the feature editor for the Christian Observer. She was involved with Alpha Phi Gamma, varsity debate and the Current Sauce. Ellen lives in Manassas, Va. She has two children and seven grandchildren.

Marjorie Gaunt Morehouse works in sales at Rickie Petite Shop in Knoxville, Tenn. She was a member of Delta Sigma Epsilon. Marjorie lived in London for more than 10 years. She has one son and two grandsons.

1958

Peggy Alexander Koon is a former home economics teacher for Lafayette High School in Mayo,

Fla. She has been married to Floyd Koon for 40 years. They have two children and two grandchildren.

1959

Jerry D. Fults is the executive managing director for Kennedy Wilson International. At Northwestern, Jerry lettered in football. He has two children and lives in Dallas.

1960

Callyne Scott Brady is a retired teacher after 35 years in the classroom. At Northwestern, she was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma. She now works for HRCareerpage.com in the administrative department. She resides in San Diego. She has two grandchildren.

1964

Charles Doty has retired from SWEPCO in Shreveport. At Northwestern, Charles was a member of Pi Kappa Phi and the Black Knights. He is married to Marian Meador Doty, and they have two children. They now live in Lindale, Texas.

Stephen Murphy is a location manager for Royster Clark. While at Northwestern, Stephen was a member of the football and track teams and was president of the 'N' Club. He is married to Bonnie Richardson Murphy (1962), and they have three children. They live in Foxworth, Miss.

1965

Adie Joe Butler is a production planning manager for Lucent Technologies. Adie was active in the SGA, Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity and was a cheerleader. He lives in Keithville and is married. He and his wife have two children.

Joanne Salter Frank is an elementary teacher for Conroe Independent School District. While in college, Joanne was a member of Purple Jackets, a dorm officer, Who's Who, Kappa Delta Pi and was on the BSU Executive Council. She is married and has two sons. Joanne lives in Spring, Texas.

Dr. Jon L. Gibson retired from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and is president of Carved Trowel Archaeology, Ltd. He is a professional archaeologist. While at Northwestern, Jon was active in the SGA, Blue Key and was on the Pineywood Rooters intramural teams. He is married to Mary Seller Gibson, '65. They live in Homer and have one daughter.

1966

Hazel McDonald is an assistant professor in the NSU College of Nursing in Shreveport. She is married to Joe McDonald, and they have twin daughters, one stepdaughter, and four grandchildren.

1967

Carl J. Corley is a sales manager for Ross Bus & Equipment Sales in Alexandria. Carl was active in ROTC at Northwestern. He lives in Boyce and has three children.

J. Michael Miller is the Chief of the Epidemiology and Laboratory Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. He is married to Norma Miller, and they live in Dunwoody, Ga.

Yvonne Coumes Strattman is a retired vocational counselor. Yvonne is married and has two children, two

grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

1968

Edward J. Domangue is an engineer for Motorola. Edward was active in IEEE while in college. He lives in Austin, Texas with his wife and has two children.

1969

William Edwards is retired from the Department of Justice Office of United States Trustee where he worked as a bankruptcy analyst. He was active in the SGA while at NSU. He is married and lives in Parcellville, Va.

H. Don Stiles is a quality engineer for Boeing. He is married and has one daughter. Don lives in Carrollton, Texas.

Edith Elliott Wilkerson is the owner and teacher of Re-creations Music Store & Studio. She is a retired music supervisor for Caddo Parish. She is married and lives in Vivian.

1970

Thomas H. Crout Jr. is the corporate senior vice-president at the Human Resources Infirmary Health System, Inc. in Mobile, Ala. Thomas lives in Fairhope, Ala.

1971

John E. Kerley is the principal of Barret Elementary School in Shreveport. John was a member of the baseball team, ROTC, PEK and was on the SGA entertainment committee. He is married and has one child.

Robert McKillips Jr. is the assistant management chief for the Louisiana Department for Agriculture and Forestry. He is married to Leah G. McKillips, and they have

one child. They live in Minden.

Joseph Wyatt Petrus is married and they has five children. Joseph lives in Conroe, Texas.

Irene Morgel Robinson is married and has two daughters, one granddaughter, and two grandsons. She owns and manages KWCL-FM in Oak Grove. Irene is the past president of the Oak Grove Lions Club.

1972

J. Rodney Barron is a job coach at Mary Biggs Training Center in Oak Grove. He is married to Ann Trotter Barron (1974), and they have three children.

Paula Jean Easley Rembert is a OB-GYN in Shreveport. Paula earned a master's at NSU in 1974. She is married to Gregory Lee Rembert and they have two sons.

1974

Len E. Barker is the President of Georgia Timber Int. in Buford, Ga. He is married and lives in Sugar Hill, Ga.

1975

Cynthia Cockrell Winston is the director of special education for the Natchitoches Parish School Board. At Northwestern, she was active in the NSU Chorus, NSU NAACP and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She is married and has two children.

Mary Darphin Miller is a registered nurse on the ICU staff at the Medical Center of Southwest Louisiana. At NSU, she was involved with the Student Nurses Association and the Summer Concert Band. Mary is married and has three children and two grandchildren.

1976

Annette Aitcheson McClinton is currently a substitute teacher and plans to start working full time with the Headstart Program. Annette is married and has a 21-year old daughter. She lives in San Antonio.

1977

Stephen Fricker has worked at Sun Life of Canada since 1995. He is married to Shona Fricker, and they have four children. Stephen lives in Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

1978

Mark Benge, Sr. is the pastor at Nolley Memorial United Methodist Church in Jena. Mark was active in the Wesley Foundation at NSU. He is married to Sandra Stephens Benge (1979), and they have three children. Mark and his family live in Jena.

1979

Jeanine DeLaune Glendening is employed with Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum as the assistant director in Newburgh, N.Y. She earned a masters in health administration from the New School for Social Research in New York. Jeanine is married and has two boys.

1980

Peggy Hanna Benoit is a second grade teacher at East Beauregard Elementary School. She has been married to Andrew Benoit for twenty-one years. Peggy lives in DeRidder and has three children.

Carolyn Sheryl Foster is a project manager for Avaya, Inc. in Carrollton, Texas. She lives in Corsicana, Texas.

Pamela Dianne Young is a teacher in Caddo Parish. She was a member of Phi Mu. Pamela is living in Shreveport.

1981

Dan Nance works as a civilian employee for the U.S. Army as Deputy Director of Public Relations for the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk. Dan is married to Donna Lyons and they have one son, Joshua who will be a freshman at NSU in the Fall.

1982

Sara Arledge Blackwell teaches English and journalism at West Monroe Junior High School. She has two children, Will and Sally.

Callen Blayne Mayard works for the Louisiana Department of Transportation. Callen lives in Lafayette.

1984

Richard Fletcher is a senior knowledge manager at Deloitte Consulting in Irving, Tex. Richard was involved with Argus Magazine at NSU. He lives in Dallas.

1985

Kathryn Jenney Lesko is the director of public relations for Clard Maass Medical Center. While at NSU, Kathryn was a member of Sigma Kappa, Sigma Delta Chi and Purple Jackets. She is married and has two children.

1986

Jutta Green has earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership and policy studies at Virginia Tech. She is a professor of business management at New River Community College. She has one daughter, Jessica, and they live in Christiansburg, Va.

1989

Lynne Knight was named the Jan. 2001 Employee of the month in Licensed Clinical Services at Mississippi State Hospital. She has worked as a psychologist for 11 years.

Karen Foster Sepulvado works in the office of a church in Zwolle. Karen is active in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Sabine Parish. She has been married to Pat Sepulvado for five years. They live in Zwolle.

1990

Jeannie Reeks Biscamp is an elementary special education teacher for Burkeville ISD in Burkeville, Texas. She is married to Kenneth W. Biscamp, and they have three children.

Thomas Grayson Easterling III, a graduate of the Louisiana Scholars' College, is an instructor of English at Mississippi University for Women. He is married to Michelle. They recently had their first child, Thomas Grayson Easterling, IV. They live in West Point, Miss.

Trecia Kethley Ingram is a second grade teacher at Zwolle Elementary School. She has two children.

R. Michael McHale is an attorney for McHale Law Firm in Lake Charles. He was active in the SGA, Kappa Alpha, KNWD and the Young Democrats. Michael is married and has three children.

1991

Kathy Allen Alford is a psychiatric registered nurse at Woodcrest Healthcare, Inc. She lives in Natchitoches.

Debra Fox Jenkins is a registered nurse supervisor in the Department of Neurosurgery at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport. Debra is married and has two children.

John Scott Jolley is a member of the United States Marine Corps. He is married to Teri Loria, and they have three children. John and his family live in Quantico, Va.

Michelle Weego LaRoche is currently the senior marketing coordinator at Thompson Professional Group. Michelle is also in pursuit of an elementary teaching certificate. She is married to T. Scott LaRoche, and they have one son, Jacob Alexander.

Vonda Rutherford Vandagriff is married and lives in Hodge.

David Youngblood is the Natchitoches Parish coroner. He lives in Natchitoches. David is married to the former Mary Unger (1984). They have one child.

1992

Connie Durr Bullard is the owner and is an instructor of Sabine Safety Solutions in Belmont. Connie was president and vice president of the Student Nurses' Association. She is married and has two children.

Renita Ellis Hollins works for Lexicon Genetics, Inc. Renita is married and has two children. She lives in Conroe, Texas.

Susan Moak Nealy is the program coordinator for the NSU-Carl Perkins Programs. At NSU, Susan was a member of Sigma Kappa and Purple Jackets. She was a

freshman connector and was active in Greeks assisting Greeks. She is married and has two children.

Evan Taylor is creative director for the Dr. Pepper Website for Luminant Worldwide. He has recently worked in illustration, graphic design, art direction, creative direction and project management.

Stacy Kay Walters is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Merck Pharmaceuticals. At NSU, Stacy was a member of Phi Mu. She lives with her husband in Otis. They have one child.

1993

Cathy Huey Alleman is married to Chris Alleman. Cathy is currently finishing her master's degree in theatre at Texas A&M and plans to pursue a doctoral degree at Texas Tech. They are living in Commerce, Texas.

Pamela Harmon Augusta is the marketing director for Valley Hospital Medical Center. She is married to Norman Augusta, and they have a daughter named Lauren Grace Augusta.

Carol Ann Bernard is teaching English at Houston Community College and the University of Houston. She is working on a Ph.D in Literature.

Stephanie Allen Campbell is director of health services at NSU. She is married and has two children.

Donna Denise Airhart Waters is a controller at HCA, The Healthcare Co. She is married and has two children, Samantha and Andrew.

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Paul R. Sawyer is living in Hammond.

1994

Richard Kevin Beall is a nurse anesthetist for Boise Anesthesia Associates. He is married to Shannon Magill Beall (1994) who works for the same company. They live in Boise, Idaho.

Deborah Clemons Cochran is serving in the United States Air Force. She is currently stationed in Germany.

Scott K. Dodson is married to Julie McMenis Dodson, and they have two children. They live in Boyce.

Laine D. Fredieu is a systems analyst for Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette. While at NSU, she worked as a resident assistant. Laine lives in Delcambre.

Rebecca K. Hayes has been married to Mark Hayes for nine years. Rebecca is a support analyst for Server and PC Hardware for Private Business, Inc. She has lived in Tennessee for two years.

1995

Bryan Mark Redler is the senior assistant manager for Citifinancial. At NSU, he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon. He is married to Rebecca Smith Redler, and they have one child.

Cathy L. Wilson is the banking center manager and investment services representative for the Bank of America. She lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

1996

Donald Ashton Ewing Jr. is a mortgage loan underwriter at America Fidelity, Inc. in Baton Rouge. He is married to

Kim Ewing, and they have three sons. Donald and his family live in New Roads.

Mary Rachal Dupree is a kindergarten teacher at Rosenthal Elementary in Alexandria. She is married and lives in Derry.

Anna Harper is a medical sales representative for Alcon Pharmaceuticals and also works as a model. At NSU, she was active in Sigma Sigma Sigma. BSU, Student Activities Board and AAFCS. Anna lives in Shreveport.

Nikole Neuner is a studio/tech operator at ESPN. She was active with the Potpourri, PRSSA and was a member of the NSU Crew. Nicole earned a master's in television production from the University of New Orleans last year. She lives in Bristol, Conn.

Marlon Robinson works for Schlumberger Oil Field Services. While at NSU, he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He and his wife Tracey Meher Robinson have one child. They live in Haughton.

Kelley Kendall Mims is married to Dee Mims (1993), and they have one son, Brandon. Kelley is a research analyst with Larry Thompson & Associates. Dee is an IT professional with Information Knowledge Group. They live in Dallas.

Rix Stanley III is an automation clerk for the United States Postal Service in Houston. He is married to Tanya Turner Stanley (1996), and they have one son, Devin.

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1997

Shawn David Brewer is the store manager for the Sherwin-Williams Company. He is married to Kristi Eder Brewer (1998). Kristi is a mental health specialist for Resource Management Services. They live in DeRidder.

Jennifer Lanette Gibbs works at Anacoco High School as a music teacher. She is living in Leesville and has three children.

Sharon Rose Gibson Boback attended the University of Texas at Arlington and received dual Master's degrees in criminology and criminal justice and social work. She is employed with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health as the utilization management coordinator at the Psychiatric Hospital. She is married to Frank Boback and lives in Braintree, Mass.

1998

Blythe Leinenweber Baskin is the receptionist and administrative assistant for Eastdil Realty. At, NSU, she was a member of Phi Mu, Order of Omega, Purple Jackets and was a Greek facilitator. Blythe is married and lives in Irving, Texas.

Kimberly Dodd is a storeroom attendant at Phillips Service Industries at Alliance Compressors in Natchitoches. She has one daughter and lives in Provencal.

Theresa Yousey Gauthier has completed her masters in plasma physics at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Ala. She is married to Randall Gauthier, also a NSU alumnus, and they

live in Madison, Ala. They are both engineers employed by Raytheon Electronic Services.

Remesa Taylor Robinson is employed with the Natchitoches Police Jury and Head Start. Remesa lives in Natchitoches and has one child.

Linda Wright-Bailey is currently employed with Federal Probation in Houston. She lives in Katy, Texas.

1999

Heather Faye Gros is a registered nurse for Christus Schumpert Hospital. She was a member of Phi Mu, the Student Activities Board, Student Government Association, Student Nurses' Association and Sigma Theta Tau. She lives in Shreveport and is engaged to Clinton Ray Walker.

Deloris Gray Hagan is a teacher at North Bayou Rapides Elementary. She lives in Colfax and has two children.

Nikki Roberts Johnson is a senior accountant at Oestreich Company. She is married to James C. Johnson, and they are expecting their first child in June.

Brandy Ann McConathy is a third grade teacher at LaBelle Aire Elementary in Baton Rouge. She was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma and the National Order of Omega. Brandy lives in Denham Springs.

2000

Scott Alan Gottreu is a webmaster for the Space Science Group at NSU. While in school, Scott was active in Alpha Kappa Delta, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Phi

Kappa Phi and Blue Key. He lives in Natchitoches.

Anglar Moore is currently employed with Alliance Compressors. She lives in Natchitoches.

Tiffany M. Schmidt is a student service officer for Charter College. She is married and living in Anchorage, Alaska.

Charlene Vaughn is a teller supervisor for Firststar Bank. She has one child and lives in Cincinnati.

In Memory



'24 Rena McGowen
March 22, 2001

'24 Eva G. Ray
March 28, 2001

'25 Dorothy Keyser
Jan. 21, 2001

'28 Emily B.
Stothart
Coushatta Oct. 20, 2000

'30 Judge Richard
B. Williams
Natchitoches April 4, 2001

'31 Josephine
Gibson
Shreveport

'32 Doris Irene
Brett
Shreveport

'30 Joe O'Neal
Baton Rouge Dec. 2000

'35 Mary Helene
Wortham
Harrisonville, Mo.
Nov. 20, 2000

'38 Wayne W.
Williams
Sept. 16, 2000

'39 Mr. Aubrey Lee
Hanes
Pineville

'39 Sybil Loftin
Jackson
Monroe 2001

'40 Melvin Bradley
Wichita Falls Oct. 29, 2000

'40 Lewis Mercer
Norris Aurora, Colo.
March 3, 2001

'41 Sam Joseph
Scurria, Sr. Tallulah
March 13, 2001

'41 Kathaleene
Morrow Waller
Haynesville Feb. 25, 2001

'44 Lillian Horton
Vivian
March 21, 2001

'47 O.E. "Red" Harrison
Springhill Feb. 23, 2000

'49 Ignatius Antoni
Carriere, Miss.

'50 Bobby Lester
Bogan Vivian
April 14, 2001

'50 Eleanor Tatman
Jones
Lake Charles Jan. 11, 2001

"51 H. Eugene
(Gene) Rogers
Mansfield March 5, 2001

'62 Gerald David
Deville
Alexandria Jan. 17, 2001

'62 James Bonnie
Loftin
Minden Jan. 28, 2001

'68 Robert D. Mock
LaCamp June 6, 2000

'72 James Edward
Ingram
Zwolle June 24, 1999

William Culp
New Iberia Jan. 1989

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Nacogdoches, Texas
Feb. 27, 2001

Elna Harrell
Arcadia Oct. 1998

Helen Pipkin Hicks
Shreveport March 29, 2001

Alma D'Gerolamo
Sanchez
Metairie Feb. 7, 2001

Emily S. Stanly
August 15, 1998

Omega "Mickey" Sutton
Monroe April 3, 2001

Margie S. Thomas
Slidell Nov. 2000

Hal Townsend
Natchitoches 2001
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Sixty-one alumni celebrated their Golden Jubilee by once again making a commencement walk and receiving their 50-year diplomas during NSU's spring commencement on May 4. The class also became members of the 50+ Club during a luncheon held the Saturday after commencement.



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